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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

## Dear Sir/Madam:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action issued on October 19, 2009. A shortened statutory period for reply to this Office Action is set to expire on January 19, 2010. A petition for TWO-MONTH extension of time is submitted herewith, thereby extending the expiration date to March 19, 2010. A Request for Continued Examination in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114 is concurrently filed. Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.